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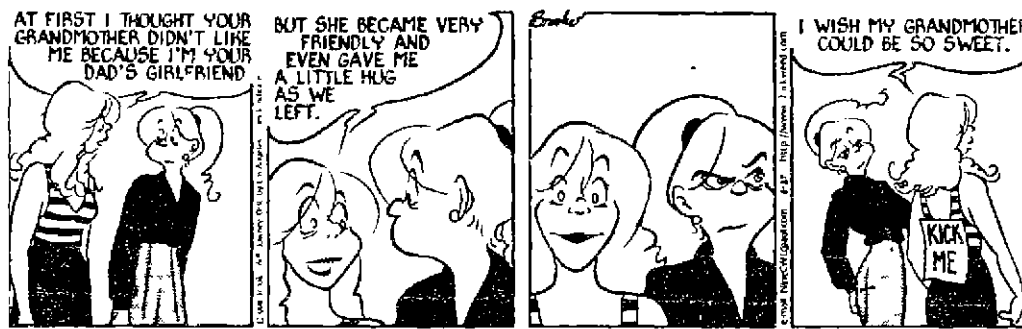
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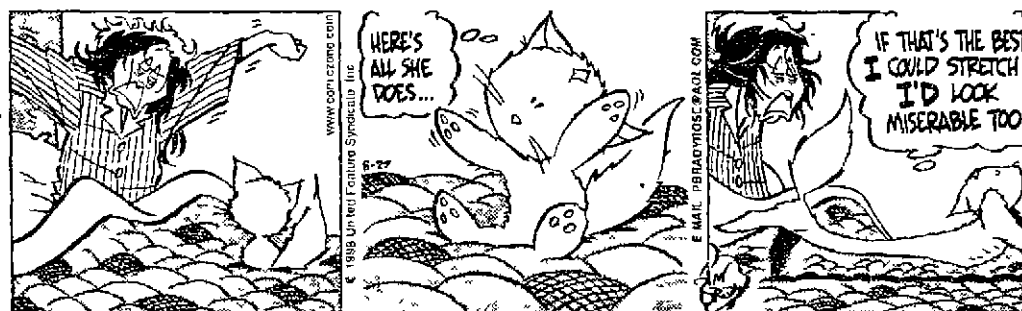
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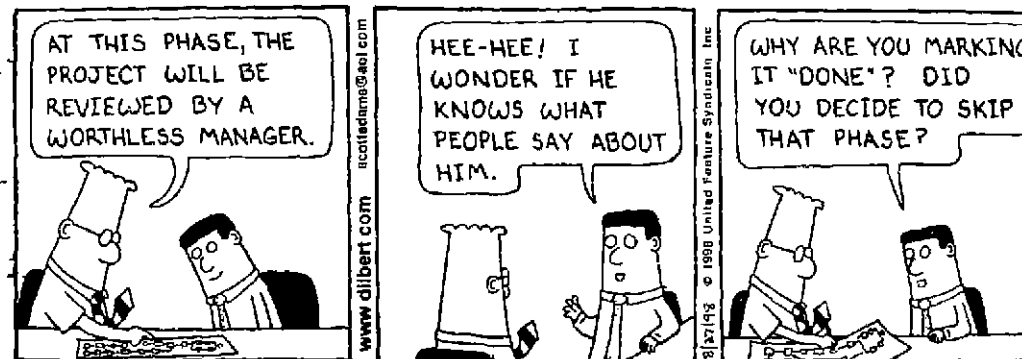
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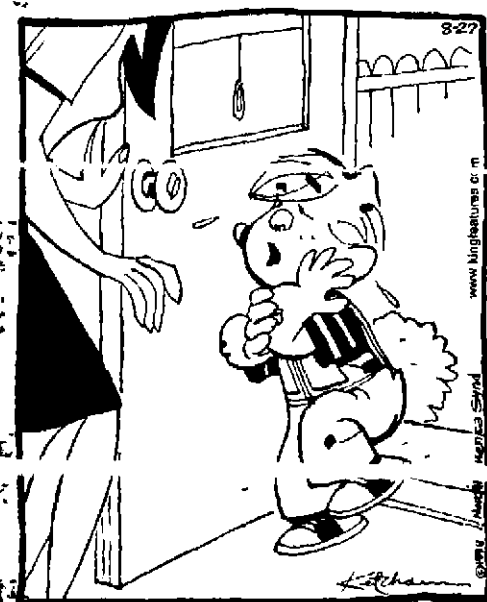
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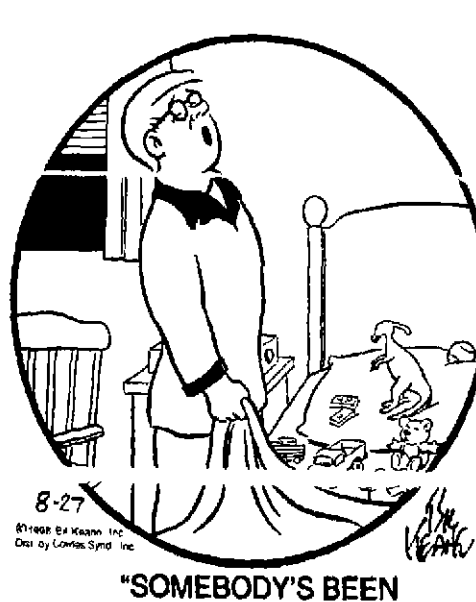
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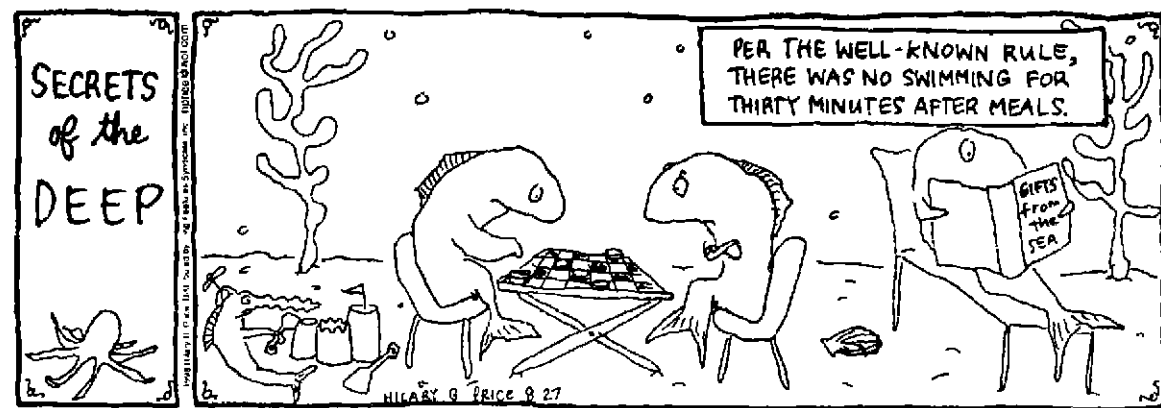
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Aug. 28, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A situation will arise in which you have to make a choice. If you make matters worse.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your natural authority challenges your authority in a professional situation. Your competence is obvious to those around you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't push yourself too hard. You have been accomplishing much lately and deserve a little R&R.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Let go of your adult responsibilities for a little while as you mow your flamboyant and creative side.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Someone has been trying to exert power over you lately, and strangely enough, it has been working.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your natural authority is a sure deep into mysterious realms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might not feel like sharing your personal feelings with friends and family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Bare your soul to a loved one. Although at first this might seem intimidating, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

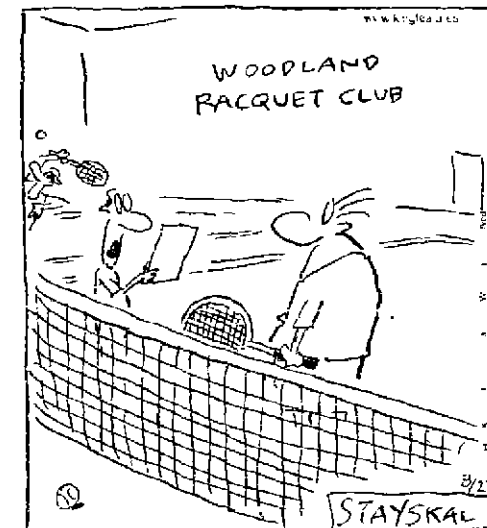
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your desire to be alone stems from a need to delve deeper into your thoughts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone will really shine as a dear friend. Spend your time and money on the people who love you the most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't be too disturbed as your raw emotions unexpectedly chafe at you. If you can't cope, escape with a good book.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) As your perspective shifts, so will your goals and plans.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Sports terms starting with "F"

GBYVROLIFCZWTQN
KIFCZWRP MJHECZ
XUFSQNF LJ DGE CZX
LLABTSAFVRFT RP N
LJIHEDUCAAYWVTR
PNRLKILGKWE CBZE
XGWRHTEERFWULS
LLABYLF CIORP BOM
LUYLHSINIFJMIGE
DBOAFOR EAYUXWUT
SQPFDEEF OFNLKJH

Wednesday's unlisted clue: CHEESE
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: TO DROP THE FOOTBALL
Fairway Fault Finish Forward
Fake Feed Flag Foul
Fan Fence Fly ball Free throw
Fastball Field Fore

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"We dodged a bullet," exclaimed West. "Had I read your heart 10 as a come-on signal, he would have stolen the game."

East With a singleton in dummy, I thought I was asking for a shift to the higher-ranking side suit. Playing standard leads, West led his heart ace to get a look at dummy. On his ace, East dropped his heart 10. What was the meaning of East's heart 10? Was it a suit-preference signal, or did it promise the heart king? Sure of the meaning, West cashed his diamond ace, hoping for clarification. This made it obvious to East that West wasn't sure about a spade shift, so East clarified matters by dropping his diamond queen. Because it was virtually impossible for the queen to be a singleton, West drew the correct inference and led a spade. This beat the contract two tricks.

Had West continued hearts at trick two, it would have been a disaster. Two of dummy's spades would have gone away and South would have made his game by leading to dummy's diamond king. Was East's heart 10 a suit preference signal? Used properly, the suit-preference signal must be obvious to both players. In today's situation, the signal was an ambiguous one for West, and it would have been better if East had played his deuce. If West then cashed his diamond ace, another signal with the diamond deuce would surely have brought a spade shift.

NORTH 10 7 3 K 10 9 6 K Q J 10 9 6
EAST K 8 3 A J 9 8 5 A 5 4 8 2 A 6 5 4 10 7 6 2 Q 8 7 2 3
SOUTH Q J 9 2 K Q 4 J 2 A 7 5 4
West 10 7 3 K 10 9 6 K Q J 10 9 6
East K 8 3 A J 9 8 5 A 5 4 8 2 A 6 5 4 10 7 6 2 Q 8 7 2 3
South Q J 9 2 K Q 4 J 2 A 7 5 4
Vulnerable East West
Dealer South
The bidding
South West North East
1 4 1 5 5 4 All pass
Opening lead Heart ace

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first Ralph Carley, Ron Dewey, second, Bill Barrington Janet Sinclair
Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first Cornelia Yoder Peter Leonelli second/third, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard, Patricia Hooper, Matt Brown Sunday evening, first Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder, second, Joe Fortino, Kathleen Young, Monday morning, first, second, Barbara Lorenz, Minna Phillips Larry Sunser, Joe Fortino Monday evening, first, MaryLou Famulare, Gary Simonetta second Don Paulus, Dale Swift Tuesday evening, first Bill Barrington Mary Anne Ruff, second, Carl Hileman Don Paulus Wednesday evening, first, Anne Huntley Mike Walsh second Don Paulus Dale Swift, Thursday morning teaching game 1NS/2NS Joe Myers Sarah Myers Janet Sinclair John Beauchamp 1EW, Ginny Eich Peg Raus 2EW Barbara Lorenz Gail Callahan Thursday evening first, Doug Lyon Cornelia Yoder second Mike Walsh Edie Farnham Friday morning first Milt Rosenblum Doug Lyon second/third Larry Sunser Julie Sunser Judy Zatory Carl Brown Friday evening first Sharlene Kostichka Dale Swift second/third Joanne Baccile Bill Foster Mike Walsh, Cornelia Yoder
Concord: 1NS, Laura Distin Judy Ortiz 2NS Mildred Wells Helen White 1EW Don Paulus Sharon Paulus 2EW Mary Price Barb Stine
Lafayette Country Club: 1NS Jeanne Levy, Eileen Wayne 2NS Merle Rubin Bea Share 1EW Joan Rubenstein, Esta Sebel, 2EW Shirley Ashkin, Irma Silverstein
Liverpool: 1NS, Anne O'Brien, Ann Garalato 2NS, Pat H G Walczyk, 1EW Gene Wurdinger Gerry Wurdinger, 2EW Dale Swift Joe Conrad
Stonehedge: 1NS Ann Divers Sally Wright 2NS Clo Morris, Judy Zatory 1EW, Gerry Burns Betty Pfeiffer, 2EW Fran McCarthy, Mildred Wells
Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first Joe Conrad, Bud Nasteff, second, Bernie Gorkin Mary Gorkin, Thursday afternoon, first Mary Ann Finn, Betty Burns second, Barbara Reinschmidt Peg Hesslein Thursday evening first Rita Dewey, Ron Dewey second Don Paulus Allene Huntley Friday evening, first, Helene Gove, Dorothy Eveleigh second, Bill Bremer, Joan Noll
Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 71 Actor Tommy Sands is 61. Musician Daryl Dragon (The Captain and Tennille) is 56 Actress Tuesday Weld is 55 Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 54 Actress Marianne Sägebrecht is 53 Actress Barbara Bach is 51 Ex-porn star Harry Reems is 51 Singer Willy DeVille is 45 Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 45 Actress Diana Scarwid is 43 Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 30 Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 28. Actress Sarah Chalke ("Roseanne") is 22

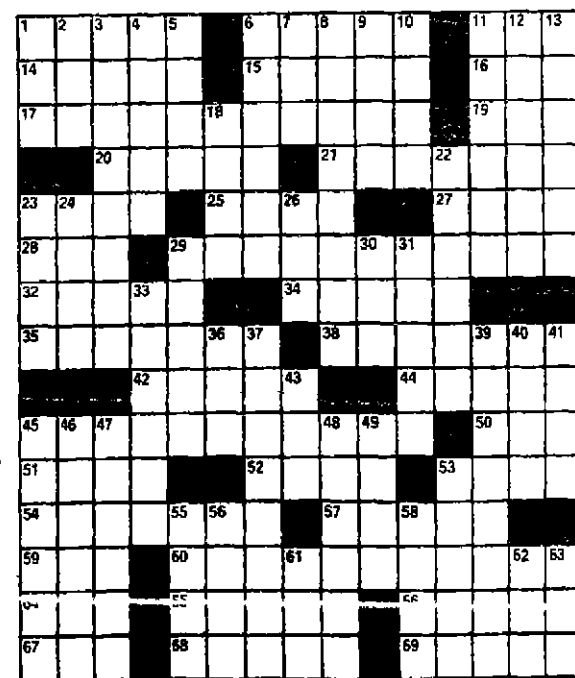
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0715

ACROSS
1 Wore
6 Mawkish
11 "Uh-uh"
14 "Jane Eyre" girl
15 When repeated, a Western city
16 "You — here"
17 Part 1 of an idle query
19 Thickness
20 Hold up
21 Fine-tuned
23 Dad-blamed
25 French city in W.W. II fighting
27 Actress Merrill
28 Treasure of Montezuma
29 Query, part 2
32 Declared strikes?
34 Square
35 Old-time street illuminator
38 Refined
42 Condition
44 Swift work
45 Query part 3
50 Nuptial or natal starter
51 It's gentle on the skin
52 Off, as a note
53 Almost forever
54 Stuffing ingredient
57 They may be stripped
59 It's nothing
60 End of the query
64 From S.F. to Tahoe
65 Conjure up
66 Split for a church
67 Flushed
68 At the limit, with "out"
69 High-hat
DOWN
1 "And pigs fly!"
2 Brouhaha
3 Condensation
4 Bygone
5 Singer Young
6 Influenced
7 Klutz
8 Fainting, as from surprise
9 Make rows
10 Lockmaker of note
11 Stain guard
12 Dahl of "Watch the Birdie"
13 The best of times
18 Denounce in no uncertain terms
22 Embraces
23 Magic man
24 Humongous
25 Bombeck
26 "A Ball for —"
30 One of every two hurricanes
31 Clementine's father, e.g.
33 Beaux mondes
38 Fuss

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

INKER THANE DAR
LUNGE OASIS APE
KNIGHTCLUBS PPO
TSARS SOPHIA
COW BRIDGE ONAN
ARID KNOWTALENT
METES DEUCE
POSTITS STICKER
KNICKNAMES TOON
AUNT PASTA TNT
DANCES SERIF
ONE KNEWENGLAND
OCT GIVEN OBIER
MES STATE TARDY



Puzzle by Kelly Clark
37 Place for a sports stringer
38 First N.H.L. player to score over 70 goals in a season
40 Net
41 Denotation and
42 Sodium hydroxides
43 Command for D.D.E.
44 Tennyson's "My maid of Astoria"
47 Slaved
48 Greeted warmly
49 " — saw Elba"
53 W.W. II Gen. Rommel
54 Twosome
56 PBS offering
58 Nest inhabitants
61 Scratch (out)
62 Nonetheless, for short
63 All — up
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